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In re the application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminarily, kindly amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

Please amend the following claims.

1. (Amended) A surface-traversing vehicle comprising two bodies interconnected by means to move the bodies towards and away from each other, each said body being supported upon a multiplicity of resilient bristles [(13; 25; 32)] extending [from it, characterized in that] therefrom, wherein the bristles of each said body are mounted in groups upon a plurality of bristle-carrying members [(10; 23; 31)] each guided for movement in directions towards and away from said body, and [characterized] further comprising [by] fluid pressure means [(15; 22; 34)] to effect said [guided] movement of said bristle-carrying members in at least one of said directions.
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2. (Amended) A surface-traversing vehicle according to Claim 1[, characterized in that] wherein the interconnected bodies are generally flat or are rotationally symmetrical.
3. (Amended) A surface-traversing vehicle according to Claim 2[, characterized in that]